

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-19 (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A method for promoting the healing of a wound or fibrotic disorder with reduced scarring comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an amount of ~~a stimulator of~~ Activin sufficient to promote said healing so that said healing with reduced scarring is promoted.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for promoting healing with reduced scarring comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an amount of ~~a stimulator of~~ Activin sufficient to promote said healing so that said healing with reduced scarring is promoted.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Withdrawn) The method according to claims 22 wherein the stimulator comprises a partially modified form of activin having a longer half-life than its parent molecule.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein ~~the stimulator of~~ Activin is administered in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein ~~the stimulator of~~ Activin is used in conjunction with a further agent that promotes the reduction of scarring.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20 or 21 wherein ~~the stimulator of~~ Activin is used in conjunction with a further agent that promotes the healing of chronic wounds.

28. (Cancelled).

29. (New) A method for promoting the healing of a wound or fibrotic disorder with reduced scarring comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an amount of Activin, or a fragment of Activin, sufficient to promote said healing so that said healing with reduced scarring is promoted.

30. (New) A method for promoting healing with reduced scarring comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an amount of Activin, or a fragment of Activin, sufficient to promote said healing so that said healing with reduced scarring is promoted.